

PDP COMMODITY
SAMPLE FACT SHEET
(effective 10/01/02)

PRODUCT: Cucumbers (CU)

SAMPLING PROCEDURES:

- ? Sampling begins October 1, 2002.
- ? Cucumbers will be sampled for 2 years, continuing through September 30, 2004.

VARIETIES: If the variety is easily identified on the package, enter that information in the "Variety" field of the Sample Information Form (SIF). If the variety is not available, leave the "Variety" field blank. Sample collectors should not enter the brand or trade name (i.e, Dole, Libby's) on the SIF.

AVAILABILITY: Year-round.

SAMPLE SIZE: 5 pounds (fresh)

UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS: Squash, zucchini, pickling cucumbers, yellow cucumbers

PACKAGING AND SHIPPING: Cucumbers should be packaged with sufficient coolant materials to ensure samples arrive in the laboratory in acceptable condition.

All cucumber samples, *except* for California and Maryland, will be shipped to the Washington laboratory (WA1).

RECOMMENDED TRANSPORT CONDITIONS:

Fresh:

- ? Desired transit temperature: 50° F to 55° F (10 to 13°C)
- ? Desired relative humidity: 95 percent
- ? Highest freezing point: 31.1° F (-0.5° C)

ETHYLENE PRODUCER/SENSITIVE:

Fresh--yes:

- ? Cucumbers should not be packaged and shipped in the same box with other ethylene producing/sensitive commodities